

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to methods of detecting changes in the occupancy state of a portion of route suitable for being traveled along by objects following its axis in a given scene, e.g. for the purpose of evaluating variations in traffic density on the portion of route, methods which find a particularly advantageous application in the field of detecting incidents of any kind that might arise on the portion of route.

Description of the Related Art

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 6, of the Specification as follows:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a method of detecting an incident on a portion of route situated in a scene when said portion of route is suitable for having objects traveling therealong, and when the method makes use of a video camera having a target constituting an optoelectronic converter of a real optical image of the scene, said target being controlled by a programmable processor member, the process for detecting incidents being suitable for being performed by activating said programmable processor member only while the real image of the scene focused on the target is stationary, the method being characterized in that it consists:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 24 of the Specification as follows:

Other characteristics and advantages of the invention appear from the following description given with reference to the accompanying drawing by way of non-limiting illustration, ~~in which.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 27, of the Specification as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The sole figure is a block diagram of an embodiment of means for implementing the method of the invention, and also serves to explain the method.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION